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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 8/24/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13-15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Amendment

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Amendment filed August 24, 2005.

Remarks

2. The previous Office Action indicated that claims 13-15 were in condition for allowance if rewritten to overcome the minor claim objections. The current amendment has overcome all of the mentioned claim objections. Original claims 1-12 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 13-15 are objected to above, but would be allowable if the objection were overcome.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Prior art teaches printing apparatuses for printing indicia on envelopes. Prior art additionally teaches varying the print speed in order to appropriately print the indicia on envelopes fed by feeding machines having different feed rates. Prior art however, fails to teach the specific method for retrofitting an existing mailing system as is taught in claims 13-15 of the current invention. Specifically, prior art fails to teach the method for retrofitting an existing printing mailing system, wherein the existing mailing system comprises an existing printing portion, an existing metering portion, and an existing feeding portion that moves an envelope along a feed path, including removing the existing printing portion of the mailing system, mounting a frame and a print head

proximate the existing feeding portion so that the envelope traveling along the feed path will pass proximate the print head, wherein the frame and print head are a different type from the removed existing printing portion. The claimed method further includes mounting a sensor proximate the existing feeding portion, wherein the sensor senses that the feeding portion of the mailing system has positioned the envelope proximate the print head and provides a signal to the controller to begin printing postage amount indicia. Connecting the print head to a controller is the next step of the claimed method, wherein the controller is operable to generate a print signal to cause the print head to print postage amount indicia, to receive an indication that the controller is authorized to print a postage indicia, and is operable to cause the print head to print at various speeds. Lastly, the claimed method includes adjusting the controller to cause the print head to print at a similar speed as the removed existing printing portion of the mailing system. The specific method is not disclosed in prior art and moreover, one of ordinary skill would not have been motivated to come to the above claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to *Allyson N. Trail* whose telephone number is (571) 272-

2406. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 7:30AM to 4:00PM Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee, can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [allyson.trail@uspto.gov].

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